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SPRING IS CLOSE AT HAND.
THIS TERUHASHI BLOSSOM
HAS ALREADY BLOOMED.

THIS WEEK'S ESP HAIKU
MODELS: SAIKI KUSUO-
SAN (16) + 3 OTHERS.

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PSI 139: PUBLICATION CRIPSIS!?
SHUENSHA'S WORK

ASOU SHUUICHI

I'LL BE OFF NOW.

YOU'RE LEAVING PRETTY EARLY TODAY.

YOUR HAND WAS ALSO WARMER THAN USUAL.

IS IT ME OR DOES YOUR FACE SEEM A BIT RED?

I MIGHT BE LATE COMING HOME...

YEAH, I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT JOB TODAY.

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN, WHENEVER I STAND IN FRONT OF YOU I FEEL LIKE A FIRST-YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOLER GOING THROUGH PUBERTY...

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M BEING SEEN OFF BY A CUTIE LIKE YOU THAT EVEN MY FACE IS GETTING RED.

OH?

OPEN

CRASH

KYAA!! PAPA!?

? WHAT HAPPENED?

FWISH

OH STOP IT~ PAPA, GEEZ~

HUFF HUFF

OH DEAR! WHAT A FEVER!

39.5℃

NOTE: 39.5°C IS ABOUT 103.1°F

GROAN

...NO, I'M...FINE ....I HAVE TO GO WORK...

AH, YOU CAN'T YOU HAVE TO REST!

EVEN THOUGH IDIOTS DON'T GET SICK, HE'S CAUGHT QUITE THE COLD.

I'LL LET THE COMPANY KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE TAKING THE DAY OFF, AND THEN WE'LL HEAD TO THE HOSPITAL.

...SINCE IF I SAY SOMETHING COOL, KUSUO MIGHT SAVE ME FROM THIS...

I MEAN... IF IT'S FOR MY FAMILY, SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS NOTHING AT ALL...!

SURE, IF I COULDN'T SEE THOSE SHAMEFUL THOUGHTS OF YOURS.

NO... I HAVE TO GO NO MATTER WHAT TODAY.

EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR ME...

GOING TO WORK IS OUT OF THE QUESTION! DON'T YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A 39 DEGREE FEVER!?

SO I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE RESTING CAN I?

THE MANGA ARTISTS ARE DOING THEIR BEST WITHOUT SLEEP...

GROAN

AH!!

POP

MY LEG-!! KU-CHAN!!

I USED IT LAST NIGHT, RE-MEMBER?

SO NOISY.

I CAN ONLY USE IT ONCE A DAY.

COMPLETE REVIVAL!!

T...TRUE, EVEN IF I'M CURED NOW, I'LL CATCH THE SAME COLD TOMORROW BUT EVEN JUST FOR TODAY IS FINE...

IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO ASK ME TO USE MY RESTORAT-ION POWER, I CAN'T.

NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

BUT 4 OF THEM WILL END UP KILLING YOU.

SO YOU DO!!

D...DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE UP YOUR SLEEVE!? I HAVE TO GO TO WORK NO MATTER WHAT TODAY...

NOPE. JUST ABOUT 5 THINGS.

THEN JUST SAY YOU HAVE 1!!

IT'S BECAUSE I SLEPT WITH MY STOMACH UNCOVERED LAST NIGHT...

BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THE TIMING OF YOUR FEVER SHOULD HAVE SHIFTED BACK A DAY TOO.

SLUMP...

PAPA!!

AT ANY RATE... PLE...ASE ...

I... I...

DIZZY...

DIZZY

I'M BEGGING YOU, ANY-THING IS FINE...!

I HAVE TO GO OR ELSE I MAY GET FIRED...

EVERYONE'S OVER-EXAGGER-ATING.

PAPA!? SAY SOMETHING!! PAPA...

PAPAAA!! NOOOOO!!

WEEKLY SHONEN COGNAC EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

SHUEN-SHA

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SAIKI STILL ISN'T HERE!?

NO, SIR! WE CAN'T REACH HIS PHONE EITHER!

CLICK

!!

STEP

DOESN'T HE REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT TODAY IS...?

GRR... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT GUY DOING....!?

EDITORIAL CHIEF: ONIMATSU

I'M GONNA SMACK YOU!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW IMPORTANT TODAY IS YOU BUFFOON!?

GOOD GRIEF...

THAT'S BECAUSE ...

RUMBLE

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT STUFF AT ALL.

BA

M

SAIKI!! YOU'RE LATE, YOU BASTARD!

BY SEPARATING THE SOUL FROM MY FATHER WHO FAINTED, I WAS ABLE TO TRADE BODIES WITH HIM.

I'M STILL ABLE TO MOVE AROUND NO PROBLEM EVEN WITH A HIGH FEVER WHICH ORDINARY PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE.

BA

I'M NOT SAIKI KUNIHARU ...

I'M SAIKI KUSUO.

TOUGH...? THIS IS WORK THAT EVEN MY FATHER COULD DO.

KUSUO! IT'LL BE TOUGH BUT I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

WOW! SO GOOD!

DUNCAN YOU IDIOT! BASTARD!

THINGS KUSUO WOULDN'T EVER DO.

THE PLAN NOW IS TO HAVE MY FATHER, WHO'S NOW IN MY BODY, PROVIDE SUPPORT FROM THE HOUSE.

YOU'RE THE IDIOT HERE.

TURN

TN: A QUOTE BY THE COMEDIAN BEAT TAKESHI.

LICKING MY SHOES IS THE FIRST THING YOU ALWAYS DO WHEN COMING INTO WORK, RIGHT!?

I TAKE THAT BACK. BEING AN ADULT IS ROUGH.

SAIKI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PROBLEM ...

BA

HURRY UP AND LICK MY SHOES!

M

SAIKI, HURRY UP AND TURN IN AZUMA-SENSEI'S FINAL MANUSCRIPT.

YOU KNOW TODAY'S THE DEADLINE, RIGHT?

CHIEF, BEFORE THAT...

OH THAT'S RIGHT.

...MANU-SCRIPT? WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

YEAH... THAT'S THE REASON WHY TODAY'S WORK WAS SO IMPORTANT.

TODAY'S THE DAY I GO GET AZUMA-SENSEI'S FINAL MANUSCRIPT FOR "IF POSSIBLE, SANTAROU." I'M IN CHARGE OF HIM.

IF POSSIBLE, SANTAROU

! SANTA-ROU IS ENDING?

YEAH. AFTER 13 LONG YEARS SINCE IT STARTED IN COGNAC'S PREVIOUS MAGAZINE "SHONEN SCOTCH", IT'S FINALLY ENDING.

IT'S BEEN GOING FOR 13 YEARS?

AND I'M GUESSING YOU STILL HAVEN'T GONE TO PICK IT UP?

...YEEEAH. THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO AVOID MAKING THE CHIEF MAD. SO FIRST YOU NEED TO BEND THE TRUTH AND....

I AIN'T GOT IT.

EXCUSE ME!? WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE, BASTARD!?

DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT TODAY'S THE DEADLINE!? WE ALREADY MADE THE COUNTDOWN ANNOUNCEMENT 5 WEEKS AGO!

NOT HAVING IT READY ON TIME IS INEXCUSABLE!!

IDIOT! IS THAT ANY WAY TO SPEAK TO HIM!? HURRY AND APOLOGIZE! LICK HIS SHOES! HURRY!

ROAR ROAR

SCOWL SCOWL

BOTH SIDES ARE NOISY.

GET GOING ALREADY!!

FWOOSH

HURRY AND GO GET IT!!

IF YOU DON'T COME BACK WITH IT, YOU'RE FIRED!!

GOOD GRIEF.... WHAT A SHADY COMPANY...

WHA...

WHAT!?

WHOA.

WHOOSH

GRAB

TOSS

....CAN'T BE HELPED, I'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS TIME.

H...HEY KNOCK IT OFF, KUSUO... JUST CALM DOWN OKAY!?

Y...YOU WANNA GO, HUH!?

MENACING

GOOD GRIEF, BEING AN ADULT SURE BUILDS UP STRESS...

DA

M

WELP, TIME TO GO AND GET THAT MANU-SCRIPT.

HEY! WHAT WAS THAT LOUD NOISE JUST NOW!? WHAT DID YOU DO, KUSUO!? HEY!?

FLUTTER

FLUTTER

...I FORGOT THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO CONTROL MY POWER ...

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AZUMA

THIS IS AZUMA-SENSEI'S WORKPLACE.

IS THAT SO.

IDIOT! TO AN ARTIST, A MANUSCRIPT IS BASICALLY LIKE THEIR OWN CHILD!!

IT'S ONLY AFTER FIRST ESTABLISHING A MUTUAL TRUST THAT THEY'LL PERMIT YOU TO TOUCH THEIR MANUSCRIPT!

OKAY, OKAY.

HE'S A HUGE VETERAN IN THE MANGA INDUSTRY. YOU GOT IT!? TRY NOT TO BE RUDE.

DING DONG

BUT WOULDN'T IT BE OKAY IF THEY JUST GOT SOMEONE ELSE TO COME AND GET THE MANUSCRIPT?

CLANG

IF IT'S NOT ME, AZUMA-SENSEI WON'T HAND IT OVER...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

INSIDE THE COAT?

REACH INSIDE YOUR COAT POCKET AND HAND OVER WHAT'S IN THERE, HURRY!

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TUNA MAYO

HOO

...GET LOST...

OWL

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MUTUAL TRUST?

RIP

CRACKLE

THOMP THOMP

CRUNCH

CHEW CHEW

SLAM

AH.

CHK

IS HE AN ANIMAL OR SOMETHING?

IF YOU DON'T GIVE AZUMA-SENSEI FOOD HE WON'T LET YOU ENTER HIS WORKPLACE

...COME IN...

I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BUT...

CREAK

FWUMP

...

...HOHH... SO THIS IS A MANGAKA'S WORKPLACE ...

THERE'S TONS OF BOOKS...

....SO...

I CAN TELL WHAT HE'S THINKING JUST BY LOOKING AT HIS FACE.

NOW WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP THAT'S GONE PAST JUST WORKING TOGETHER TO BEING LIKE COMRADES!

YEAH, HE JUST DOESN'T TALK MUCH SO IT'S FINE! WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR OVER 5 YEARS NOW!

IS THIS GOING TO BE OKAY? HE SEEMS PRETTY HARD TO PLEASE.

.SAIKI. . THAT'S NOT A NAME I'VE REALLY HEARD...

DO YOU KNOW HIM...?

WAI ... IT'S ME, SAIKI!! SAIKI!!

YES, THAT SAIKI!!

YOU'RE THAT SAIKI?

SAIKI, THE GUY WHO'S IN CHARGE OF YOU.

Y'KNOW, THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS MAKING DIRTY JOKES.

SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER YOUR NAME.

SAIONJI-KUN.

YOU'VE COME TO GET THE MANU-SCRIPT?

HE JUST STOPPED MOVING ALL OF A SUDDEN AND IS MAKING A MISERABLE FACE.

WHA..!! DON'T TELL ME IT'S NOT FINISHED!?

THAT'S RIGHT, I FORGOT.

HAND IT OVER.

FORGET THAT. HURRY AND GET THE MANUSCRIPT!

REACH

...HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

...ERR ...

...?

!? WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT FACE IS HE MAKING!?

.....

ANYWAYS, ASK HIM HOW MANY PAGES ARE LEFT!

I MEAN, I COULD TELL EVEN AFTER JUST MEETING HIM...

I'VE BEEN WITH HIM FOR A LONG TIME SO I KNOW THAT FACE IS THE FACE HE MAKES WHEN IT'S NOT DONE! THIS IS BAD!!

WHAAAAT!? 5 SHEETS!? YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT!?

AND WHILE MAKING THAT FACE HE'S HANDING OVER 5 WHITE SHEETS OF PAPER.

COULD THIS GUY SAY SOMETHING ALREADY? HE'S PISSING ME OFF.

THAT'S THE FACE HE MAKES WHEN THINGS ARE SERIOUSLY BAD-!!

I CAN TELL BY LOOKING.

THIS TIME IT'S A FACE LIKE HE'S IN THE PIT OF HELL.

AZUMA-SENSEI, ISN'T IT ALREADY THE DEADLINE!? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO!? AT THIS RATE, THE FINAL CHAPTER WON'T BE ABLE TO BE PRINTED!!

HEY! I NEED TO YOU TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO HIM EXACTLY HOW I SAY IT!!

HE'S MAKING A FACE LIKE HE'S GIVEN UP ON EVERY-THING.

THAT'S THE FACE HE MAKES WHEN HE'S GIVEN UP!

I KNOW, I JUST SAID THAT.

...WELL ...

HIS RESPONSE!?

CLATTER

...IT'S OVER...

THERE'S ONLY 4 HOURS LEFT UNTIL THE DEAD-LINE...

CONSIDERING THE PAGES ARE STILL BLANK, THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL MAKE IT ON TIME...!

MENANCING

I'M GOING TO BE FIRED ...!

DON'T MAKE SUCH A PITIFUL EXPRES-SION WITH MY FACE.

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS ALL HE NEEDS TO DO IS DRAW RIGHT?

STAND

BAM

IT'D ALSO BE TROUBLING FOR ME IF MY PERSONAL ATM DIS-APPEARED.

LEAVE THIS TO ME.

RESTORATION

WITH MY WAY OF DOING THINGS.

WHOOM

REACH

H. HEY! WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING!?

DON'T WORRY, I'M JUST DOING AN EDITOR'S JOB.

...I'M ALREADY BEAT, MY BRAIN ISN'T WORKING.. I'M AT MY LIMIT...

HOWEVER...

...?

...UGH...

HUH?

RETURNING HIS BODY BACK 24 HOURS SHOULD AT LEAST RESTORE HIS ENERGY A SMALL BIT.

JUDGING BY LOOKS, IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S HAD MANY ALL-NIGHTERS.

AH! OH, SAIKI-SAN, YOU CAME!?

HAHAHA

YEAAHH! I CAN DRAW NOW! AHA HAHAHA!!

IT WAS A LOT MORE EFFECTIVE THAN I THOUGHT.

MY SLEEPINESS AND TIREDNESS HAVE COMPLETELY VANISHED!!

WHOOOOA!! I'M FULL OF ENERGY NOW!!

B A M

HMM... FOR STARTERS, WE'LL HAVE SANTAROU BE THE WINNER IN HIS BATTLE AGAINST RENSUKE! I WAS ABLE TO DRAW UP UNTIL HE SAVES SAYURI BUT...

NEXT IS THE BRAIN-STORMING.

BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY GIVE ADVICE ON MAKING MANGA, ESPECIALLY SINCE I HAVEN'T READ THIS ONE TO BEGIN WITH.

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT AFTER THAT... HMMM....

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S STILL 5 PAGES THAT AREN'T FINISHED!!

SAIKI-KUN, COME HELP ME THINK!!

HE'S GOT SO MUCH ENERGY IT'S LIKE HE'S TAKEN SOME SORT OF DANGEROUS DRUG, BUT THIS STILL WORKS OUT.

YEAH, I'LL DO A NO DIALOGUE SCENE TO QUICKLY SHOW WHAT HAPPENS, AND WITH THAT, I'LL FLASH FORWARD TO SOMETHING LIKE SANTAROU, SAYURI AND THEIR CHILD LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER... BUT IF I DO THAT... AH, MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK TWITTER...

...NO DIALOGUE ...

...BUT IF I DO THAT...

OH RIGHT, RIGHT, HE'S STILL CONFINED. PLUS I STILL HAVE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WITH FUKUBE... I GUESS I SHOULD DO A NO DIALOGUE SCENE TO.... AH, MY NAILS ARE GETTING LONG. HMM, I SHOULD CUT...

AND JIROU, WHO'S LIKE HIS OLDER BROTHER, IS STILL CONFINED AT THE TEMPLE SCHOOL... AH, BUT MAN I SURE AM HUNGRY... IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE FRIDGE?, SHOULD I GET DELIVERY? DELIVERY...!

WELL, IF I WERE TO PROCEED NORMALLY, SANTAROU AND SAYURI WOULD GET TOGETHER, LEADING TO A HAPPY ENDING WITH ABSOLUTELY NO TWIST...

HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME-THING I CAN DO.

...STILL CONFI-NED....

THAT SETTLES IT!!

BAM

ALL RIGHT! FOR THE LAST CHAPTER, I'LL HAVE SANTAROU, IF POSSIBLE, CONTINUE TO AIM FOR THE DAUGHTER THAT WAS BORN FROM SAYURI AND RENSUKE'S RELATIONSHIP!

I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, BUT ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?

OR WAIT, WHAT IF SAYURI ENDS UP WITH RENSUKE? THERE IS FORESHADOWING THAT HE HARBORED FEELINGS FOR HER.

MY BACK HURTS... I'LL MAKE A MASSAGE APPOINTMENT TO M, OR ROW...

YEAH, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE BETTER IF SHE DOESN'T END UP WITH SANTAROU, SINCE THAT'D BE MORE LIKE HIM...

YEAH, BUT IF I DO THAT IT'S JUST TOO CLOSE-ENDED... IT DOESN'T REALLY LIVE UP TO THE QUESTIONING NATURE OF THE TITLE...

AH, THERE WAS CURRY BREAD IN THE KITCHEN...

MAYBE I SHOULD DO AN ENDING WHERE HE DOESN'T END UP WITH SAYURI AFTER ALL.

I CAN REMOVE THE IDLE THOUGHTS THAT ARE INTERRUPT-ING HIS THINKING.

IMMEDIATE TELEPATHY AND PSYCHIC PHOTOGRAPHY

BO OM

CLATTER

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET DRAWING-!!

HOW MUCH TIME LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!? SAI...

STEP

THAT WON'T BE NECESS-ARY.

BA M

I CAN TRANSFER THOSE THOUGHTS TO PAPER WITH PSYCHIC PHOTO-GRAPHY!!

BY READING SOMEONE'S MIND WITH IMMEDIATE TELEPATHY...

HOOOWL

IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT APPLIES BOTH PSYCHIC PHOTOGRA-PHY AND TELEPATHY.

...HUH?

...IT'S ALREADY BEEN HANDLED?

I'VE FINISHED THE MANU-SCRIPT!!

B A M

NOW THEN, TIME TO RETURN TO THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT WITH TELE-PORTATION.

5 MORE PAGES! LET'S DO IT-!!

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A FATHER'S DIGNITY

I'LL SHOW HIM PAPA'S SCARY SIDE...

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MY NAME IS SAIKI KUNIHARU, AND IT SEEMS THAT I'M BEING GREATLY UNDER-ESTIMATED BY MY CHILD.

THIS WILL NOT DO... I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING!

IF YOU DRAW ON THE WALL LIKE THAT IT WON'T EASILY COME OUT...

LIFT

HEY!! KUSUO, THE WALL ISN'T FOR DOODLING ON!!

HERE'S MY CHANCE! I'LL GIVE HIM A GOOD SCOLDING AND MAKE HIM CRY!!

...AH, AGAIN!!

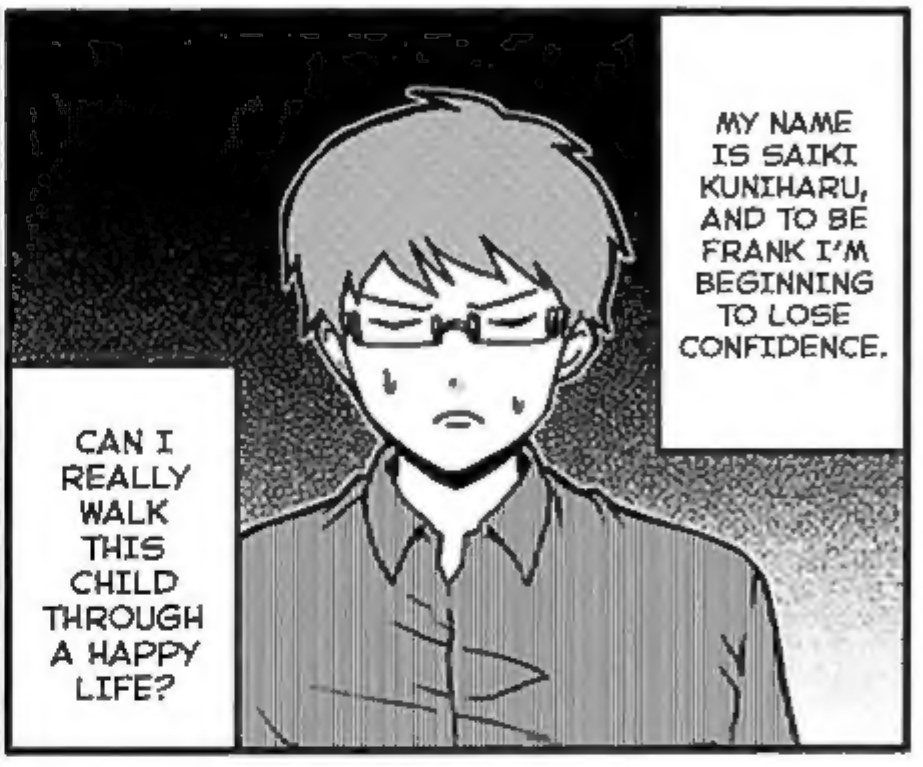
KUSUO, YOU PUNK!!

STERNLY SCOLDED.

FWSSH

KUNIHARU, CHILD RAISING TROUBLES

GOING UP UP UP~...
UP!? WE'RE FAR UP!!
YESTERDAY I TRIED TO MAKE KUSUO SMILE BY PLAYING ROCKET-SHIP.
BUT WHEN I REALIZED IT, WE WERE HIGH UP IN THE AIR.


MY NAME IS SAIKI KUNIHARU, AND TO BE FRANK I'M BEGINNING TO LOSE CONFIDENCE.
CAN I REALLY WALK THIS CHILD THROUGH A HAPPY LIFE?

WHERE'S THE BABY!?
WHERE'S THE BABY...
HE WAS FINALLY FOUND BY THE LOCAL POLICE AFTER A 5-HOUR SEARCH.
EVEN MOMENTS AGO I TRIED PLAYING PEEK-A-BOO...

SAIKI KUSUO NO PSINAN EXTRA: SAIKI KUSUO'S OUTPSIET DAYS (FIN)